

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
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SUBJECT: SURVEY OF FUNERAL HOMES: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
REPORT

REF: A) STATE 191525  
B. A-1230 OF MARCH 2, 1976

1. OUAGADOUGOU HAS ONE MORTUARY ESTABLISHMENT, POMPES  
FUNEBRES VOLTAQUES (PFV), WHICH IS LOCATED IN CITH AND CAPABLE  
OF PROVIDING FULL RANGE OF SERVICES. FOLLOWING LOCAL LAWS ARE  
PERTINENT:

- A. LOCAL LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE BURIAL WITHIN A PRESCRIBED  
PERIOD WHEN THE BODY IS EMBALMED.
- B. EMBALMING MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF  
DEATH.
- C. CREMATION IS ILLEGAL.
- D. REMAINS MAY BE SHIPPED ABROAD IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
LOCAL LAW.

2. THE MINIMAL COST OF A LOCAL BURIAL IS ESTIMATED AT  
25,000CFA (\$113.64) PER FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:  
A. CASKET: 17,000 CFA (\$77.27), 19,200CFA (\$87.27),  
47,000CFA (\$213.64, 49,000CFA (\$222.73), 115,000CFA  
(\$522.73).

B. HEARSE: SIMPLE 2,500 CFA (\$11.36), DELUX  
5,000CFA (\$22.73).  
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- C. FLATSTONE: 5,000CFA (\$22.73).
- D. IDENTIFICATION PLAQUE: 500CFA (\$2.27).

3. THE MINIMAL COST OF SHIPPING REMAINS BY AIR FROM  
OUAGADOUGOU TO NEW YORK IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,265 PER  
FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:  
A. EMBALMING AND PREPARING THE REMAINS FOR SHIP-

MENT 30,000CFA (\$136.36).

B. MINIMUM COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO NEW YORK  
7,935CFA (\$36.07) PLUS COST OF WEIGHT PER FOLLOWING  
BREAKDOWN:

1-45KG -1,435CFA/KG (\$6.97)  
45-99KG - 1,095CFA/KG (\$4.98)  
100-299 KG - 920 CFA/KG (\$4.18)  
300-499KG -755 CFA/KG (\$3.43)  
500 KG AND OVER - 710CFA/KG (\$3.23)

4. THE MINIMAL COST OF SHIPPING REMAINS BY AIR FROM  
OUAGADOUGOU TO WASHINGTON IS ESTIMATED AT \$2,110 PER  
FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

A. EMBALIMIN AND PREPARING THE REMAINS FOR SHIP-  
MENT 30,000CFA (\$136.36).

B. MINIMUM COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO WASHINGTON  
13,843CFA (\$62.92) PLUS COST OF WEIGHT PER FOLLOWING  
BREAKDOWN:  
1-45KG -1,739CFA/KG (\$7.90)  
45KG AND OVER - 1,320CFA/KG (\$6.00)

5. THE MINIMAL COST OF SHIPPING REMINAS BY AIR FROM  
OUAGADOUGOU TO SAN FRANCISCO IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,760 PER  
FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

A. EMBALMING AND PREPARING THE REMAINS FOR SHIP-  
MENT 30,000CFA (\$136.36).  
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B. MINIMUM COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO SAN FRANCO  
13,843CFA (\$62.92) PLUS COST OF WEIGHT PER FOLLOWING  
BREAKDOWN:

1-45KG - 1,960CFA/KG (\$8.91)  
45-99KG-1,478CFA/KG (\$6.72)  
100-299KG - 1,255CFA/KG (\$5.70)  
300-499KG - 1,080CFA/KG (\$4.91)  
500 KG AND OVER- 1,050 CFA/KG (\$4.77)

6. THE MINIMAL C  
P OF SHIPPING REMAINS BY AIR FROM  
OUAGADOUGOU TO CHICAGO IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,865 PER  
FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

A. EMBALMING AND PREPARING THE REMAINS FOR SHIP-  
MENT 30,000 CFA (\$136.36).

B. MINIMUM COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO CHICAOG 13,843CFA  
(\$62.92) PLUS COST OF WIEGHT PER FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:  
1-45KG-1,815CFA/KG (\$8.25)  
45-99KG-1,388CFA/KG(\$6.31)  
100-499KG-1,153CFA/KG (\$5.24)  
500 KG AND OVER - 918CFA/KG (\$4.17)

7. THE MINIMAL COST OF SHIPPING REMAINS BY AIR FROM  
OUAGADOUGOU TO LOS ANGELES IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,780 PER  
FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

A. EMBALMING AND PREPARING THE REMAINS FOR SHIP-  
MENT 30,000CFA (\$136.36).

B. MINIMUM COST OF AIR SHIPMENT TO LOS ANGELES  
13,843CFA (\$62.92) PLUS COST OF WEIGHT PER FOLLOWING  
BREAKDOWN:

1-45KG-9,960CFA/KG (\$8.91)

45-99KG-1,480CFA/KG (\$6.73)

100-299KG-1,265CFA/KG (\$5.75)

300-499 KG - 1,095CFA/KG (\$4.98)

500 KG AND OVER - 1,048CFA/KG (\$4.76)

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8. COST OF HERMETICALLY SEALED CASKET IS 95,000CFA (\$431.82)  
PLUS COST OF CASKET PER PARAGRAPH 2A BREAKDOWN. REMAINS  
CANNOT BE SHIPPED WITHOUT PRIOR PAYMENT IN FULL.

9. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES COMPLAINT WITH THE FOLLOWING PRO-  
CEDURE PRIOR TO THE LEGAL EXPORTATION OF REMAINS ABOARD:

A. LE CHEF DE SERVICE D#HYGIENE, LE CONSERVATEUR DES  
CEMETIERES MUNICIPAUX AND COMMISSARE DE PLICE ARE RE-  
QUIRED TO BE PRESENT WHEN THE REMAINS ARE PLACED IN  
COFFIN.

B. CERTIFICATE OF DEATH AND CAUSE OF DEATH MUST BE  
FILLED OUT.

C. AFTER PLACEMENT OF THE REMAINS IN THE COFFIN, THE  
POLICE WILL ISSUE THE PROCES VERBAEL AND CONSERVATEUR WILL  
ISSUE THE MISE EN BIERE.

D. MINISTER OF INTERIOR IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE AN  
ARRETE DE TRANSPORT AFTER RECEIPT OF ABOVE FORMS AND  
A GUARANTEE THAT ALL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID. BOYATT

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